

REMARKS

Applicants are amending their claims by cancelling claims 10-18 (the Group II claims in the Office Action mailed October 6, 2008), without prejudice or disclaimer, and in particular without prejudice to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof.

The restriction requirement set forth on page 2 of the Office Action mailed October 6, 2008, is noted. In view of cancelling of the Group II claims, that is, claims 10-18, by the present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this restriction requirement is moot. In any event, and in order to complete the record, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims for prosecution on the merits herein, the Group I claims being claims 1-9 and 19, drawn to a circuit connecting material and a method for manufacturing a circuit member connecting structure. As claims 10-18 are being cancelled herein, any question concerning traverse of the restriction requirement is moot.

Examination of claims 1-9 and 19, drawn to a circuit connecting material and to a method for manufacturing a circuit member connecting structure, in the present application, in due course, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of

Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 1303.45151X00),
and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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